

**Minutes Tuesday March 31, 2026**

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the CCAO Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan Agreement beginning January 1, 2027  
Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes  
Comm. Jrl. 122, Page 176-176D

Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam, Ohio, that to provide for the unanticipated revenues for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose for which expenditures are to be made during the fiscal year as follows:

Fund 001, County General

1001-30-010-503302, Contract Services...\$ 10,000.00

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes  
Comm. Jrl. 122, Page 177

Mr. Wehri moved to approve signing the lease agreement between the Board of Putnam County Commissioners and Putnam County Optimists for rental space in the Putnam County Ag Complex for 156 square feet at \$.17 a square foot per month starting April 1, 2026.  
Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes  
Comm. Jrl. 122, Page 180-180C

Mr. Schlumbohm moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board has received requests from the various departments of Job and Family Services for approval of travel expenses for the month of April 2026.

Judy Solomon	Apr 1	Grant Management Trng- Toledo, OH
Leanne Crouse	Apr 1	Grant Management Trng- Toledo, OH
Leanne Crouse	Apr 2	Grant Management Trng- Toledo, OH

now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO, hereby approve payment of the expenses per the attached list in accordance with Section 325.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorizes the Auditor to issue warrants per attached list upon receipt of invoices and be if further

RESOLVED, That the Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue any advanced warrants as necessary.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes  
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Mr. Wehri moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County, Ohio is vulnerable to natural and human-caused hazards that may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

**WHEREAS**, Putnam County acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Putnam County Office of Public Safety in cooperation with other county departments, local officials, institutional stakeholders, and the citizens of Putnam County, and

**WHEREAS**, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Putnam County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Putnam County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-caused hazards that face the county,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body for Putnam County:

- The Putnam County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the county, and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Putnam County 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes  
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### **Then and Now Payments**

**County General...**to TPC Training for HVAC & Boiler Operator training for \$ 2,590.00

**CDBG Allocation...**to Great Lakes Community Action Partnership for allocation 25 admin costs for \$ 6,000.00.

**Engineer...**to K & L Ready Mix for WO 26024 Old SR 12 & 17-S for \$ 4,695.50

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the then and now payment requests.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none

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### **Purchase orders & Travel Requests**

**Job & Family....**Purchase order to National Youth Advocate Program for foster care for K Howell for \$ 55,000.00.

**County General....** Purchase order to Village Hardware for annual tool sale for maintenance for \$ 1,500.00. Blanket purchase order for Janitor supplies for Apr-Jun for \$ 5,000.00.

**Capital Improvement...** Purchase order to AEP Ohio for installation of new 3 phase primary dip pole and 3 phase primary and pad transformer for \$ 8,507.97.

**Dog & Kennel.....**Travel request for Mike Schroth to attend the NW Ohio Dog warden meeting in Logan Co on April8, 2026 no expenses listed.

**Auditor....**Amended travel request for Greg Luersman and Kyle Nemire to attend the NW District Auditors meeting in Bucyrus, OH on March 27 with additional registration fee of \$ 20.00 totaling \$ 40.00.

**IT....**Blanket purchase order for travel expenses for Engage conference in March 2026 for \$ 50.00. Amended travel request for Tyler Schroeder and Abbot Carder to attend the Engage Conference in National Harbor MD on Mar 14-19,2026 to add expenses for meals of \$ 49.69.

Mr. Wehri moved to approve the purchase orders and travel requests.

Mr. Schlumbohm seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes

Exceptions: Mr. Schlumbohm none Mr. Wehri none Mr. Brubaker none

### **Purchase order Adjustments**

**HOME Funds...**additional needed for Private Rehab costs for \$ 1000.00

**CDBG....**additional needed for Home Repairs costs for \$ 5,579.00

**County General...**additional needed for advertising & printing for 2026 for \$ 500.00

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the purchase orders adjustments.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker requested Kyle Stechschulte stop in for a discussion, the \$40 maintenance fee was discussed. There will need to be another public meeting to cover the maintenance fee. Some people did request an email of the information. If a group wants to stay out of the corporation, would they be able to join later if the costs become

more than they can cover? Would Ottawa be willing to collect the debt service to cover the loan payments that the county still owes. The village could collect the fee and give the money to the county to pay the loan payments. The system is continuously aging. Why should the village take on the problem? The residents must decide now if they want to be annexed into the village. The Pohl Rd area and N 65 area is interested in annexing to Ottawa, but the SD #1 does have a few that are not. There are a handful of properties that are not contiguous with the village for annexing. Will the village accept individual properties to be annexed? How can they handle that?

Just because the pumps are newer does not mean that the parts are readily replaceable. There are already issues with getting replacement parts. Rehabbing a pump station is costly. There are lines that need to be replaced or lined. There should not be a problem with accepting annexation. Pohl Rd and Sewer district #2 could be taken care of now, and not drag this out another 5-7 years. Hopefully that would be a good incentive to get the sewer district #1 transferred over. A reciprocating income tax agreement would be a cost of \$300,000 right off the bat that is a big expense to the village. There are a few residents that are adamant about not joining the village. A question of the hold up on reading the meters. When the village told the households they needed meters they did not tell them it was because of annexation. The commissioners thought the village would read the meters. There was a verbal agreement that the village would read and bill for it. Why would Ottawa take over the sewer district if they would not read the meters? Annexation was never mentioned. Kyle stated "the right questions were not asked". It was a Jack Williams issue. Annexation for the use of service has always been a policy of the village. Everyone must do what is right for the people of the village and county. The Commissioners would not have proceeded with this process if there was this much push back from the residents. Both sides have missed things along this process. A copy of the annexation agreement will be needed by the County for review. The water well policy, the village can accept an existing well as long as it is registered, no new wells will be permitted within the village. A pre-annexation agreement would be signed by the Village, the County and the landowner. Can one landowner be forced to annex if all the surrounding and contiguous properties are annexed? What is majority rule and how would that proceed? Kyle will have to talk with the township to see how they want to handle it as well. A reciprocation agreement with the township has been presented. The prosecutor will be contacted for procedures for annexation options. The improvements at the water plants are being finalized, tours will be set up next month for the partners. The village wants to make some progress with the county.

The business agenda was held with Commissioners Schlumbohm, Wehri & Brubaker and Cindy Landwehr, Clerk.

The minutes from Thursday, March 26, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Commissioners Schlumbohm, Brubaker and Wehri met with Jeff Reinkmeyer, Aaron Thome and Dylan Borchers of Avangrid Renewables to discuss the compensation agreement and review the payments. Greg Luersman and Bob Benroth from the Auditor's office, and Rosemary Drummelsmith, Miller City School Treasurer and Peg Niese of Liberty Township joined the meeting. These meetings with Avangrid started in 2018. Jeff will be giving an update on the Powell Creek project. The project started commercial operations in April of 2025. The solar farm did receive some minor wind damage but is still operating, at 150 megawatts. The annual PILOT payments will be starting next year since the farm is operational. Avangrid did initially agree to provide some additional compensation for community improvements. The operations

have started one year ago. A fund needs to be set up by the county to accept the payments once they start next year. There are lump sum payments that will be done at the end of the agreement also. The agreement states that the payments can be used by the county for capital improvement. The county already has an established capital improvement fund. Bob explained how the county must handle the payments, they must be treated as real estate payments, they can be divided into first half and second half. It can be set up as a direct deposit also if needed, through the Treasurer's office. If the real estate taxes would go away, how would these funds be distributed. It was thought that they would be distributed as it would if there would be real estate taxes same rates and millage. Dylan explained the agreement could be reopened and adjusted. Twp Road 13 has been resurfaced. The taxing of the properties was discussed. Everything on the outside of the fence is still taxed at regular rates, and on the inside, it is based on CAUV values. The criteria on setbacks were discussed. And Bob explained the BOR filings for neighboring properties seeing a decrease in value due to proximity to solar farm boundary. Jeff explained the start of the project and the progress so far. There are agreements for pollinator patches and other conservation methods within the fences. Another suggestion of using sheep in the fences to help maintain the growth. Dylan said there are some that are designed to accommodate alfalfa production also. What is happening to the panels that were damaged? They will be repaired or replaced. Some of the panels are not moving as they should is there a reason? Some things are still being debugged as they are not working properly. Is there a local employee, yes there should be two. The employee is based out of Van Wert. The school asked about the construction payments. The payment was received but the county has not paid it out yet. The tax settlement will be done next week. A question about mowing around the panel areas, can it be opened up to someone from Putnam County to mow as the contract is with someone from Paulding County. It is open for competitive bidding and will be advertised. How can someone contact Lucas the employee managing the solar field? There is contact info posted on the fence. Another meeting will be set later in the year to confirm the payment requirements are set.

Bob said a resolution should be written to recognize the payment can be deposited into the capital improvement fund.

Commissioner Brubaker invited Greg and Bob to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Wehri, Schlumbohm and Brubaker returned a phone call to Dwight Schroeder regarding Lifewise. Lifewise is looking for additional classroom space. Would the EMS house be rented after the new EMS building addition is completed? Could the house be relocated? Mr. Schroeder could explore that option. October or November would be the earliest that the new building would be occupied.

Mr. Wehri moved to adjourn for lunch.

Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion.

Vote: Schlumbohm yes Wehri yes Brubaker yes

Commissioners Wehri and Brubaker returned from lunch.

Mr. Brubaker moved to adjourn for the day.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote Schlumbohm absent Wehri yes Brubaker yes.

Mr. Schlumbohm moved to approve the minutes as read from Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Mr. Wehri seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Schlumbohm yes Mr. Wehri yes Mr. Brubaker yes